

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims (to reduce filing fees), and to make the claims conform to the format of U.S. practice. None of these amendments is related to the patentability of the claims.

Claim 1 is amended to be a single sentence.

Claim 2 is amended to recite "claim 1 wherein" instead of the foreign form "# 1 above but differing in that".

Claim 3 is amended to remove the multiple dependency and to eliminate the foreign form "# 1 or #2 above but differing in that".

Claim 4 is amended to eliminate the foreign form "# 3 above but differing in that".

Claim 5 is amended to remove the multiple dependency and to eliminate the foreign form "any of the ## 1-4 above but differing in that".

Claim 6 is amended to remove the multiple dependency and to eliminate the foreign form "any of the ## 1-5 above but differing in that".

Claim 7 is amended to eliminate the foreign form "# 6 above but differing in that".

Claim 8 is amended to remove the multiple dependency and to eliminate the foreign form "# 6 or #7 above but differing in that".

New claims 9 to 14 cover some of the combinations of the original multiple dependent claims 3-8. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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